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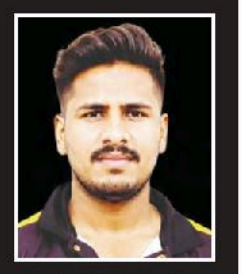
Two drown at Balamuri

Mohan Kumar


Ravichandra

Residents allege lapses in safety, failure in law enforcement

Srirangapatna, May 22 (VK &BS)- Even as the Srirangapatna Taluk Administration had imposed prohibitory orders banning tourists from entering River Cauvery at Balamuri, a popular tourist destination, two youths drowned there yesterday evening.

The deceased have been identified as Mohan Kumar (21) of Kamaravadi near Santhemaralli in Chamarajanagar district and Ravichandra of Kellahalli in Jayapura hobli of Mysuru taluk. Both were employed at Kaynes Technology in Belagola Industrial Area after completing their ITI course.

According to the Police, the duo, along with their friend Vikas, had gone to Balamuri and entered the river near Shambu Moole for a swim.

Mohan Kumar and Ravichandra were swept away in the water, while Vikas alerted local farmers and informed the KRS Police Station.

A view of the Balamuri tourist spot in Srirangapatna, Mandya.

Police personnel rushed to the spot and launched a rescue operation with the help of Fire and Emergency Services personnel and expert divers.

Mohan Kumar's body was later retrieved from the river. As darkness had set in, the search for Ravichandra's body was suspended and resumed this morning.

Mohan Kumar's body has been shifted to MMC&RI mortuary in Mysuru for post-mortem. KRS Police have registered a case and are investigating.

Following the incident, questions are being raised over the failure of the Mandya District and Taluk Administrations to effectively enforce the prohibitory orders.

Residents pointed out that despite repeated drowning incidents in the past and the imposition of prohibitory orders, adequate measures had not been taken to regulate crowds, especially during weekends.

(See BALAMURI on page 7)

NO restriction on visiting spots

H.R. Vivekananda, Circle Police Inspector (CPI) of KRS Police Station, said that while the Taluk Administration had prohibited people from entering the river, there is no restriction on visiting tourist spots such as Balamuri and Yedamuri.

He said Police personnel had been deployed to prevent tourists from venturing into the river, despite which the tragedy occurred.

Retired Cops to aid crime prevention

DG&IGP launches initiative to reconnect with experienced hands

Mysuru, May 22 (AG&BCT)- In an effort to strengthen community policing and crime prevention, the Karnataka Police Department has decided to actively involve retired Police officers and staff in neighbourhood watch and public safety initiatives, recognising their decades of experience as a valuable resource.

Dr. Saleem

Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Dr. M.A. Saleem has directed all Police Stations and unit officers across the State to maintain regular contact with retired Police personnel and involve them in community-oriented activities.

In a circular issued on May 18, Dr. Saleem stated that retired officers and staff could play a significant role in sharing information about anti-social activities, drug peddling, smuggling and other unlawful practices in the areas where they reside.

"Retired personnel possess expertise in investigation, crime prevention, crowd management, intelligence gathering, traffic regulation and disaster response. Their vigilance and local networks can help detect criminal activities and strengthen public safety," the circular stated.

(See COPS on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

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STAR PUNCH

By Satish Acharya

GAS AGENCY
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ENOUGH STOCK, NO NEED TO PANIC!
SATISH ACHARYA

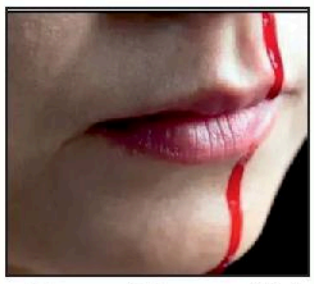
EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

5 TYPES OF GOD'S COMPASSION: ***Human beings are broadly classified into three categories:*** *Baddha Jivatmas, Mumukshus (or Nivratta Samsaris)* ***and*** *Nitya-suris. Baddha Jivatmas* ***are souls bound to the endless cycle of birth and death, tossed about in the turbulent ocean of worldly existence and suffering.*** *Mumukshus* ***are those who, after realising the impermanent nature of worldly pleasures, strive sincerely for liberation and ultimately attain the divine abode of the Lord.*** *Nityasuris* ***are eternally liberated souls who never enter the bondage of material existence and remain forever engaged in uninterrupted service to the Lord in Sri Vaikuntha, enjoying eternal divine bliss.***

Sri Desika Srinivasa Tatacharya Swami explained that out of boundless compassion for the *Baddha Jivatmas,* ***the Lord seeks to establish a connection with them through five kinds of*** *sukruta* ***(meritorious acts). The first is*** *Ajnata Sukrutam,* ***in which a person unknowingly performs a virtuous deed that gradually becomes the seed of spiritual upliftment. The second is*** *Yadruchhika Sukrutam,* ***in which a person consciously performs a good deed, though without a deliberate spiritual objective. The third,*** *Anusangika Sukrutam,* ***refers to incidental merit gained while pursuing some other purpose or worldly activity. The fourth,*** *Prasangika Sukrutam,* ***occurs when virtuous actions arise naturally and spontaneously without prior intention or planning. The fifth and highest form is*** *Samanya Buddhi Mula Sukrutam,* ***where a person performs noble deeds selflessly, without expecting reward or benefit in return. Through one or other of these forms of merit, the Lord gradually draws the soul closer to Him.*** — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Teenager fakes bleeding to avoid school



Moscow: A teenage girl allegedly tricked her parents and doctors into believing that she was suffering from severe and unexplainable bleeding just so she could skip school.

The couple tried to diagnose their daughter's condition for over a year and a half. The mother said that her 14-year-old daughter started bleeding and her symptoms worsened as time passed. According to the girl's mother, the girl was "bleeding from everywhere." Her parents took her to the hospital where she underwent several tests, but they all came out fine. Doctors even tested the girl for cancer which also came back negative.

She would always get sick the beginning of the school year. The bleeding would disappear completely during the summer. The parents then realised that their daughter was faking her condition to avoid going to school.

Company hatches chicks from artificial eggs

Dallas: A Dallas-based biotech company claims to have developed a "fully artificial egg" that allows it to hatch a variety of avian species, which could bring back extinct species. One of the goals of Colossal Biosciences is to bring back the South Island giant moa (Dinornis robustus), a 3-metre-tall New Zealand bird that went extinct in the 14th century.

To test their artificial eggs, Colossal Biosciences carefully poured the contents of a biological egg into one of their own, leaving a small window on top so they could peek inside. The company has already used it to hatch chicks, and claims its system is "fully scalable and biologically accurate" and could be used to hatch extinct species, like the 500-pound giant moa.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Tired All the Time? Check Iron

Fatigue is not always just life. It could be anaemia, common, silent, and easily treatable.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant – Obstetrics & Gynaecology
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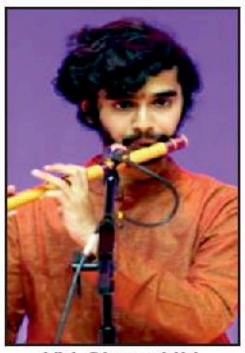
Flute recital at N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha tomorrow



Vid. Shreenidhi

Vid. Ratna Teja

Vid. Pranav

Mysuru, May 22- N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, has organised a flute recital by Vid. Shreenidhi Shriruru at Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple on Shivaji Road in N.R. Mohalla on May 23 at 6.30 pm.

He will be accompanied by Vid. Rupangudi Ratna Teja on violin and Vid. Pranav Subramaniaya on mridanga.

Profile: A highly respected Karnatak flautist and music educator based in Mysuru, Vid. Shreenidhi frequently performs at prominent local temples and cultural centres.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
Maximum **124.80 feet**	Maximum **2,284 feet**	Maximum **2,859 feet**
Today's level **85.04 feet**	Today's level **2,253.80 feet**	Today's level **2,823.46 feet**
Last year's level **89.20 feet**	Last year's level **2,260.69 feet**	Last year's level **2,831.97 feet**
Yesterday's level **85.65 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,254.00 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,823.49 feet**
Today's Inflow **130 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **73 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **182 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **3,683 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **180 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- ***The Sanchi Stupa (3rd Century BCE) located in Madhya Pradesh is one of the oldest stone structures in India. Originally commissioned by Emperor Ashoka, its massive hemispherical dome encases relics of the Buddha.***
- ***The Ellora caves is a sculpture's beautiful blended expression of three major Indian regions: Buddhism, Brahmanism and Jainism.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: What is the opposite of Valentine?
Student: Quarantine!
Teacher: How is that?
Student: Because in Valentine, two people sit very close to each other and in Quarantine, they sit very far from each other!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 95.95
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 128.89
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 26.12
1 Euro	= Rs. 111.46

VOICE OF THE READER

Obtaining E-Khatha a strenuous exercise

Sir,

The suggestions put forth by Jayaprakash Rao for consideration by the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) regarding E-Khatha / Aasthi vis-à-vis property tax collection (*SOM* dated May 12) appear useful only in theory.

In this context, I wish to point out that obtaining an E-Khatha / Aasthi itself has become a herculean task. I would like to narrate my bitter experience with the process.

As per the prescribed procedure, all relevant documents related to one's property have to be submitted online, either personally or through a KarnatakaOne Centre. Accordingly, my daughter and I submitted the documents about our properties situated in R.S. Naidu Nagar in the last week of February 2026 and obtained an acknowledgement for the same.

Later, as required, when we approached the MCC Zone-10 Office at Udayagiri, Mysuru, for further action, the official concerned checked our application online and asked us to return after one month.

A few days later, we received an SMS from DMA Karnataka stating that our applications were being processed further. Meanwhile, we paid the property tax online at the beginning of April 2026 in order to avail the 5 percent rebate.

Thereafter, we approached the MCC Udayagiri Office umpteen times regarding the matter, but in vain, as either the dealing official or the Revenue Officer was unavailable due to field work or other responsibilities.

Fortunately, last week we were able to meet both the official concerned and the Revenue Officer, only to learn that our request for E-Khatha / Aasthi had been rejected.

When we sought the reason for the rejection, we were merely told that the authorities had rejected the application and that the entire process would have to be initiated afresh online.

If the reason for rejection is not communicated to applicants, how can they rectify the shortcomings in their next submission?

I therefore request the authorities concerned to simplify and streamline the process of obtaining E-Khatha / Aasthi, which would greatly help citizens, particularly senior citizens like me.

—N. Narayan Prasad,
former Sr. Scientist,
DRDO, DFRL
RS Naidu Nagar
12.5.2026

UPSC rank holders Abhishek Nayak, Sagar Ashwathappa honoured

Successful UPSC Civil Services Examination candidates G.S. Abhishek Nayak and Sagar Ashwathappa, who were felicitated by Mysuru Additional Deputy Commissioner R. Aishwarya, seen with Capt. Naval Saini, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, K.S. Phaniraj and others.

Mysuru, May 22 (MK&DM)- Two successful candidates in the UPSC Civil Services Examination, G.S. Abhishek Nayak (All India Rank 122) and Sagar Ashwathappa (All India Rank 641), were felicitated at a programme organised by Navo Pramathi Organisation of Navodaya Foundation at Patrakarthara Bhavan in Mysuru recently.

Speaking on the occasion, Mysuru Additional Deputy Commissioner R. Aishwarya recalled that the Navodaya Foundation had felicitated her after she cleared the KAS examination in 2015.

Describing success in competitive examinations as a form of "tapassu" (intense dedication), she highlighted the importance of mentors in guiding aspirants.

She also stressed the role of coaching institutions in shaping the personality and confidence of candidates and lauded the Navodaya Foundation for conducting coaching classes for competitive examinations.

Indian Army SSB Board Deputy Director Capt. Naval Saini, former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev, Navo Pramati Civil Services Coaching Class Convenor K.S. Phaniraj and Executive Director C.S. Priyadarshini were present on the occasion.

Kalasuruchi's 'Arthaartha' lecture series tomorrow

Mysuru, May 22- Kalasuruchi will be presenting a programme titled 'Arthaartha' on Economics and Commerce, on third Saturday of every month at Suruchi Rangamane in Kuvempunagar from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

As part of the programme, tomorrow (May 23) Prof. T.S. Venugopal will deliver a lecture in Kannada on 'Prof. Karthik Muralidharan's Views on Story of India's Economic Development.'

Prof. T.S. Venugopal, a polyglot in every sense of the word, has taught a generation of students in Statistics. He has gone far beyond the narrow confines of one discipline and is deeply interested in a variety of subjects — Economics, Finance, Global issues and Music.

He writes a widely read column 'Artha' in *Prajavani* and also runs an Economics centered portal called 'Artha,' where he brings the latest thinking into Kannada.

Along with his wife, Shylaja, Prof. Venugopal has published a series of books on music covering a wide variety of subjects. He is a voracious reader and a thinker who keeps all grounded with his deep scholarship and humanity.

M.Tech & DCET entrance exam

Mysuru, May 22- The entrance exam for admission to M.Tech/M.E PG engineering courses and DCET (Diploma Common Entrance Test) for Engineering Diploma students seeking direct admission to third semester/second year Engineering course, will be held tomorrow (May 23).

M.Tech entrance exam will be held in 26 centres at Bengaluru, Ballari, Bagalkot, Davangere, Dharwad, Kalaburagi, Mysuru and Tumakuru, while DCET will be held at 51 centres. In all, 21,095 students are appearing for DCET while 12,116 for M.Tech exam conducted by Karnataka Examination Authority.

Turn idle gold into timeless elegance

Joyalukkas launches Biggest Jewellery Fest

Mysuru, May 22 - Joyalukkas, the world's favourite jeweller, has unveiled 'The Biggest Jewellery Festival of the Year,' a landmark celebration that rewards customers for giving their old, idle gold a magnificent new life.

Running from May 15 to June 14 across all Joyalukkas showrooms, the festival offers two headline benefits: a flat 0% deduction on old gold exchange from any jeweller and a flat 40% off on making charges across gold, diamond, precious stone, platinum and silver jewellery.

With over one million designs to choose from — spanning Indian traditional, contemporary, Italian, Turkish, ethno-contemporary and global styles — the festival caters to every taste, occasion and budget. Customers can exchange old gold from any jeweller and upgrade to exquisitely crafted new jewellery.

For those who prefer to liquidate rather than exchange, Joyalukkas also offers instant cash for old gold in just 15 minutes.

Announcing the initiative, Dr. Joy Alukkas, Chairman and Managing Director of Joyalukkas Group, said, "Old gold holds immense value — not just for individual families, but for our nation as a whole. Every piece of idle gold that re-enters circulation strengthens India's economy and keeps its precious resources working for its people. Through this festival, we want to give our customers a wonderful opportunity to transform that latent value into beautiful new jewellery, while enjoying exceptional savings. We invite everyone to visit their nearest Joyalukkas showroom and experience a truly rewarding jewellery journey."

Also every purchase made during the festival is backed by Joyalukkas' enduring commitment to customer care.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Teacher recruitment coaching class

City's Netaji Career Academy on Krishna Vilas Road, opposite Avila Convent, near Jaganmohan Palace, will be conducting a 3-month coaching classes for Primary and High School teachers recruitment exams. Classes will start tomorrow (May 23). For registration and more details, contact Mob: 63641-16745 or 94807-09611, according to a press release.

Sudarshan Kriya programme

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Gurudev's Art of Living is conducting a workshop to achieve a stress-free, healthy, happy and peaceful life from May 25 to 29 between 6 am & 8.30 am and 6 pm & 8.30 pm at The Art of Living Ashram on Lalithadripura Road, Mysuru. Workshop includes yoga, pranayama, meditation and powerful breathing technique called Sudarshan Kriya. For details, contact Mob: 94804-76825 or 94835-89825

Hostel admission

The Backward Classes Welfare Department has invited applications from eligible students (boys and girls) belonging to SC/ST communities and Categories 1, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b for admission to Boys/Girls Pre-Matric & Post-Matric (only for PUC students) Hostels run by the Department. Students can apply online through the website *https://shp.karnataka.gov.in/bcwd* before June 8. For more details, contact Mob: 80507-70004.

Story-telling

As part of Kathe Kelona Banni-933 programme, Kalasuruchi has organised a story-telling at Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, tomorrow (May 23) from 4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. **M. Shashidhara Dongre,** Engineer, L&T Technology Services, Mysuru, will tell the story about Megallan's Oceanic Adventures and other stories. For details, contact Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115.

Free mega health camp

As part of its 30th Anniversary Celebrations, J.P. Nagar Brahmana Sangha, Mysuru, in association with Kamakshi Hospital, J.P. Nagar and H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga, has organised a free mega health camp at Kamakshi Hospital in J.P. Nagar from 9 am to 4 pm tomorrow (May 23), according to a press release.

UoM moves to renovate historic Gautham Hostel

Rs. 5 crore estimate prepared for comprehensive renovation

Mysuru, May 22 (MK&BCT)- The University of Mysore (UoM) has submitted a proposal to the State Government seeking Rs. 4 crore to Rs. 5 crore for the comprehensive renovation of Gautham Hostel in Saraswathipuram.

The hostel, which has provided accommodation to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students for more than five decades, is likely to undergo its first major renovation since its establishment. Gautham Hostel was inaugurated on July 28, 1973, by the then Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs in the presence of the then Social Welfare Minister M. Mallikarjun Swamy.

Over the years, the hostel has accommodated 300 to 400 students annually and has supported thousands of students in pursuing higher education.

Many former residents of the hostel have gone on to become civil servants, professors, writers, Police officers, social thinkers and politicians at the State and national levels.

The proposed renovation includes repairs and upgrading of the hostel structure, toilets and bathrooms, underground drainage and electrical systems, kitchen and dining hall, flooring of rooms, establishment of a reading room, painting and overall refurbishment of the premises.

University of Mysore Registrar M.K. Savitha is seen with a team of officials at Gautham Hostel in Saraswathipuram to discuss the restoration plans of the hostel.

University Registrar M.K. Savitha has written to the Social Welfare Minister, Chief Secretary and senior Government officials seeking immediate financial assistance for the project.

Responding positively to the request, Social Welfare Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa directed Public Works Department (PWD) officials to inspect the hostel and prepare an estimate for the renovation work. Following the inspection, officials have submitted a preliminary estimate of around Rs. 4 crore to Rs. 5 crore.

According to University Student Welfare Officer Dr. C. Gurusiddaiah, the Minister has assured that the estimated amount would be sanctioned for the project under the Scheduled Caste Sub-Plan (SCSP) and Tribal Sub-Plan (TSP) grants.

Registrar Savitha said Gautham Hostel has played a major role in shaping the academic and professional future of thousands of students over the decades. She stressed the need for immediate renovation to provide a better and more conducive environment for future generation of students.

Portion of heritage Sanskrit Pathashala's wall caves in

The collapsed portion of the compound wall at the 150-year-old heritage Sanskrit Pathashala.

Mysuru, May 22 (MK&BCT)- Mysuru's cultural heritage has suffered another blow with the collapse of a portion of the compound wall of the 150-year-old Sanskrit Pathashala, raising fears of a major accident if immediate repairs are not taken up.

The incident assumes significance as it comes just two days after Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy directed officials to identify dilapidated buildings vulnerable to collapse during the monsoon and submit a report within two days.

Established during the reign of Mummadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar, the Government Maharaja's Sanskrit College is one of the city's historic institutions where students from different regions study Vedas, Agamas and Shastras.

Apart from its educational importance, the building is also regarded as a heritage structure that reflects Mysuru's architectural legacy.

Citizens and heritage activists fear that, if neglected, the structure could face further damage and lead to a tragedy similar to the recent wall collapse at Bengaluru's Bowring Hospital.

Mysuru has over 130 heritage and traditional buildings and the Sanskrit Pathashala is considered one of the most prominent among them.

Thousands of students have begun their early education at the institution over the decades, making its preservation a matter of public concern.

Located in a busy part of the city with heavy pedestrian movement, the weakened structure poses a serious risk, especially with the monsoon setting in.

Residents say any further collapse could endanger lives and have urged the District Administration and the Department of Archaeology, Heritage and Museums to begin restoration work without delay.

The city has already witnessed the tragic collapse of the Lansdowne Building in the past, which claimed lives. Citing that incident, civic leaders, including Mohan Kumar Gowda, have appealed to the authorities to act immediately and prevent another disaster.

Govt. approves formation of Mysuru Tree Committee

Mysuru, May 22 (BCT)- Efforts by environmentalists to protect Mysuru's green cover have received a major boost with the State Government approving the formation of a Tree Committee under the Karnataka Tree Preservation Act, 1976.

Deputy Conservator of Forests (DCF - Territorial) K. Paramesh informed a delegation of Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) yesterday that the committee has been sanctioned and will soon begin functioning under specific guidelines aimed at regulating tree felling and protecting the city's green zones.

During the meeting, the DCF handed over a copy of the Government order to MGP Founder Bhamy V. Shenoy. The DCF explained that the committee would monitor and regulate the cutting of trees and help prevent indiscriminate felling.

The approval comes in response to a long-pending demand raised by MGP and environmental activists seeking stricter measures to preserve Mysuru's ecological balance.

Citizens and activists congratulated DCF Paramesh for taking up the matter with the Government and facilitating the formation of the committee.

The meeting was attended by Maj. Gen (Retd.) Sudhir Vombathkere, Bhanu Mohan, Sanjay Dattatri, Shankar Bhat, D.V. Dayananda Sagar, Suman Shenoy, Mohan and others.

It may be mentioned here that MGP President Roy Joseph and Working President S.K. Dinesh had submitted a memorandum on Feb. 29, urging the Government to constitute a Tree Committee to curb rampant tree felling in Mysuru.

DCF Paramesh had assured them that the matter would be taken up with the Government. The approval is a significant step towards strengthening environmental protection measures and safeguarding Mysuru's rapidly shrinking green cover.

Woman loses Rs. 4.99 lakh while booking hotel room online

Mysuru, May 22 (PM&KS)- An elderly woman, who gave the details of debit and credit cards while booking a hotel room through online has lost Rs. 4,99,242.

The woman, who lost her money is 67-year-old Latha (name changed), a resident of Saraswathipuram in city.

Latha, who wanted to go to Tirupathi, was searching for a hotel on Google to book room when the name of Courtyard Marriott Hotel with phone number popped up. She then called the phone number and the person, who received her call advised her to book the room using her debit or credit card. Latha then gave her debit card details and the person on the other end of the phone told her that Rs. 5,250 would be debited from her bank account.

Latha has stated in her complaint that Rs. 46,386 was debited from her Canara Bank account using her debit card details.

When the excess amount was not refunded, Latha warned the hotel staff that she would lodge a Police complaint during which the staff told her that financial transactions can be done only through USD and asked her to provide information about any international card.

Latha then provided the details of her son's debit and credit cards without bringing it to her son's knowledge.

Within minutes a total of Rs. 4,99,242 including Rs. 2,99,507 from her son's credit card, Rs. 1,15,201 from his debit card and Rs. 38,148 from Latha's debit card were withdrawn.

Based on the complaint from Latha, Saraswathipuram Police who have registered a case are investigating.

Two-wheeler lifter arrested

Mysuru, May 22 (PM&KS)- Mysuru South Police have arrested a two-wheeler lifter and have recovered four bikes from him.

The arrested accused is 20-year-old Mohammed Tousif, a welder by profession and a resident of Rajivnagar in city.

On May 20, Tousif was riding a two-wheeler near APMC A Block on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road when he saw the Cops conducting checking of vehicles and tried to take a U turn but was caught by the Police. When the Police asked him to produce the vehicle documents, he began to behave in a suspicious manner following which the Police took him into custody and interrogated him during which he is said to have confessed of stealing the bike.

He is also said to have told the Cops that he had stolen four more bike. Based on the information provided by the accused, the Police have recovered the four stolen bikes.

BSNL pensioners stage demonstration seeking release of Dearness Allowance

BSNL pensioners staging a demonstration seeking release of withheld DA effective from Jan.1 this year in front of BSNL office at Jayalakshmipuram yesterday.

Mysuru, May 22 (GA&DM)- Alleging that the Centre has withheld the Dearness Allowance (DA) for BSNL pensioners from Jan. 1 this year, the Joint Forum of BSNL Pensioners staged a demonstration in front of BSNL office at Jayalakshmipuram here yesterday.

Maintaining that the Ministry of Public Sector Enterprises had issued an order to withhold DA to pensioners after taking into consideration the financial status of departments, the protestors said that the Forum had appealed to keep BSNL pensioners out of this norm. But the Government has withheld the DA from Jan.1, which is unfair, they argued and demanded immediate release of withheld DA allowance to pensioners.

BSNL employee Union leaders S. Vishakantamurthy, Rajashekar, Basavaraj and others were present.

Fire destroys hotel furniture

Mysuru, May 22 (PM&KS)- Fire has destroyed furniture in a room of a hotel on Mysuru-Nilgiri Road where Hotel Ramanashree was earlier situated.

The fire was noticed in the room located on the third floor yesterday afternoon by the public, who informed the Fire Station.

Fire and Emergency Services personnel, who rushed to the spot along with the fire extinguishing vehicle, doused the fire and prevented it from spreading further.

Obituary

M. Rajanna

Mysuru, May 22 - M. Rajanna (58), an employee of Manjunatha Gas Agency at Bogadi and a resident of T.K. Layout, passed away yesterday in city. He leaves behind his wife, one son, three sisters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Janata Nagar Burial Grounds this noon.

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TODAY'S MATCH
MAY 22

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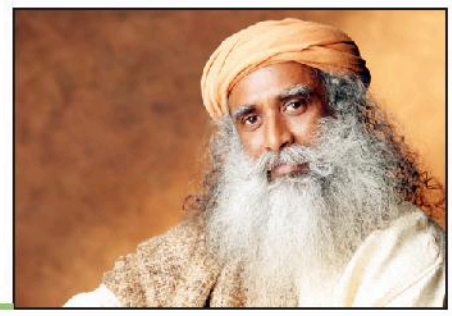
Over 12,000 litres unsold liquor, beer destroyed

Mysuru, May 22 (KS)- The Mysuru City and District Excise Department officials, as per the order from the Excise Deputy Commissioner, have destroyed 135 litres liquor and 11,893.460 litres beer, which were lying unsold at KSBCL Liquor Depot - 1 in Koorgalli here recently.

The unsold liquor was destroyed by the Excise Department staff, led by Mysuru Sub-Division Excise Deputy Superintendent H.K. Ramesh, KSBCL Koorgalli Depot Manager and Excise Department staff.

MYSTIC'S MUSINGS

By Sadhguru - Founder, Isha Foundation



Education of Inclusion

Sadhguru: What we call as education is just an organised approach to the fundamental human longing to know, to be free from ignorance. What areas of knowledge open up in an individual's life varies from person to person, but every human being essentially wants to be free from the ignorance that they are bound by.

Education is an aspiration for inclusion — to expand your horizons and bring larger aspects into your life. You read something that happened a thousand years ago because in some way, you want to include that act into your life. You read about a group of people who are living in some other corner of the world. This is an aspiration for inclusion through knowing.

Unfortunately, modern education is constantly training people to think only about themselves and nothing else. For example, our idea of science today is how to exploit everything in the universe. There is nothing wrong with science itself, but there is a deeply set attitude in the human mind that everything must be exploited for our benefit.

Initially, you use the planet, then the trees and plants, then animals, then of course, even human beings for your comfort and convenience. It is the educated, not the illiterate, who are threatening the planet. Destroying the environment wantonly and then talking about protecting it is just a patch-up job. What is needed is that we address the exploitative nature of today's education.

Education as Empowerment

Education is not about an aspiration for power, but it leaves one hugely empowered. When people are empowered but have no love in their heart, it is very dangerous. We will end up with tyrants. Before being empowered, you must have a sense of inclusiveness. This is why in Indian culture, education always started only after certain initiations, where in some experiential way, it is brought about in the child's life that he feels for everything in the existence.

Traditionally, the basic mantra which was taught to the child was *Aham Brahmasmi,* which literally means "I am the Brahman," or in other words, it means "My identity is cosmic." When the child chanted this, he or she was taking responsibility for everything around them. The idea was that before you empower them with mathematics, astronomy, science or anything else, you must ensure that their identity is not limited, that they take on a universal identity. The understanding was that only those who have gone through this must be given the power of education.

Power is needed. Without it, nothing will happen in the world. But we need someone who conducts power softly, gently, not brutally. Becoming exclusive or special is one kind of power, but the power that comes out of becoming very ordinary and inclusive is of a different kind — a soft power.

Responsibility & Inclusion

In the name of individuality, I think some cultures have gone into an extreme sense of exclusion. They cannot get along with anyone anymore, simply because of some very fancy ideas of independence and freedom. When challenging times arise in one's life, those who are thinking only in terms of their personal freedom will suffer.

We have no control over what kind of situations our children will go through tomorrow in their lives. But today we have the opportunity to empower them in such a way that no matter what, they will go through it gracefully, with some mental and emotional balance.

If this has to happen, it is extremely important that you do not poison their minds with some silly ideas of freedom. Instead, we should always ensure their attitude is about responsibility, inclusion, contribution and constantly seeing how to make a difference around them. If they are empowered through education like this, wherever they go they will go through it joyfully.

[Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, a yogi, is a visionary, humanitarian and a prominent spiritual leader. An author, poet and internationally-renowned speaker, Sadhguru's wit and piercing logic provoke and widen our perception of life. www.ishafoundation.org]

MyRealty property expo begins

K. Sriram, GCMC Member of BAI Mysuru Centre and Ashwin R. Pallegar, MyRealty-26 Chairman lighting the lamp to inaugurate 'MyRealty-2026' expo at Scouts and Guides Grounds in city this morning as others look on.

Mysuru, May 22 (GA&DM)- The 4-day 'MyRealty-2026' property expo organised by Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru Centre and Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Associations of India (CREDAI), Mysuru, in aid of Mysore Builders' Charitable Foundation, began at Scouts and Guides Grounds here this morning.

Speaking after inaugurating the expo, K. Sriram, GCMC (General Council / Managing Committee) Member of BAI Mysuru said the coming months pose a real challenge on the economic and growth front as the ongoing West Asia conflict has hurt economies across the globe.

Expressing concern that the global economy is witnessing a recession and there are chances that the economy may reach a more serious situation that was seen in 2008-09, Sriram said that the economic recession is a global problem and not that of India alone.

Advising industrialists to be patient for a few more months, he opined that the country's economy is however safe because of the measures taken and reforms implemented by the Union Government.

Asserting that despite the West Asia conflict India will not face a big economic impact, he reiterated that entrepreneurs and investors should not take decisions in a hurry or haste.

MyRealty-2026 Chairman Ashwin R. Pallegar, Hon. Secretary K.S. Prakash, BAI Mysuru Centre Chairman K.R. Prabhakar Rao, Hon. Secretary M.D. Praveen Pal, CREDAI Mysuru Chapter President Harish Shenoy, Hon. Secretary Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, members of Spoorthi - Ladies Wing of BAI, Mysuru and others were present.

The expo, which concludes on May 25, will be open for visitors from 10 am to 8.30 pm.

This is the 19th edition of MyRealty property expo, featuring over 50 stalls including 7 Platinum stalls, 6 Gold stalls, 6 Silver stalls and 31 Regular stalls.

The event showcases recent trends, innovations and opportunities in the real estate sector.

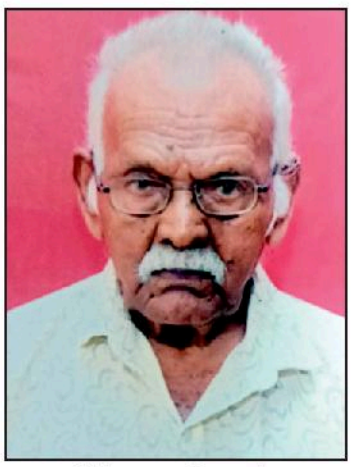
Old Age Home celebrates centenarian's birthday

Mysuru, May 22 (KS) - The inmates, sisters and staff of the Home for the Aged, run by Little Sisters of the Poor on Mahadevapura Road in Gandhinagar, Mysuru, celebrated the 100th birthday of its inmate today.

The centenarian, who celebrated his birthday today, is Chinappa Gaunder, a native of Mettur in Tamil Nadu.

Chinappa, a farmer, joined the Old Age Home in 2010 and since then he has been helping in maintaining the garden there. However since a year, he began to suffer from arthritis and hypertension making him wheelchair bound. But still, he goes around the garden and supervises the works. His daughter-in-law and grandson visit him regularly.

This morning a prayer was held for Chinappa and in the evening students from St. Joseph's Nursing College will present cultural programmes followed by cake cutting.



Chinappa Gaunder

About Little Sisters

As late Bishop Most Rev. Mathias Fernandes of Mysore felt many poor people were abandoned in their old age, the Little Sisters arrived in Mysuru on May 1, 1971 and started to care for 10 aged people in the rooms that were provided for them. Now, the Old Age Home takes care of 85 elderly citizens and provide them with all that they need just to keep them happy and comfortable.

With no fixed income, the Old Age Home depends purely on charity and donations from the public, friends and benefactors. Two sisters go out daily and collect donations from the public across the city and hence they are able to provide the needs of the elderly residents in the evening of their lives.

Community policing, neighbourhood watch

Retired Cops to aid crime prevention

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DG&IGP Dr. Saleem observed that involving retired personnel was not merely a matter of convenience but a strategic step to bridge the gap between the Police and the public, while also preserving institutional knowledge and culture.

Register of Retired Police Officers and Staff

As part of the initiative, all Police Stations have been instructed to maintain a 'Register of Retired Police Officers and Staff,' containing details such as rank, years of service, area of expertise, contact information and residential address. Officers have also been directed to regularly visit retired personnel within their jurisdiction and keep the records updated.

The Department has further instructed unit officers to maintain cordial relations with retired staff, encourage them to enrol under the 'Arogya Bhagya' health scheme and extend assistance in personal matters whenever required. Retired personnel will also be invited to Police Flag Day celebrations, annual sports meets and other important departmental functions.

Senior officers visiting various units have been asked to interact with retired personnel as part of the outreach initiative.

In a mark of respect, the Department has also directed Station House Officers to place floral tributes on the mortal remains of deceased retired Police personnel in recognition of their service and sacrifice.

The Police Department believes the initiative will help strengthen community policing, improve public participation in crime prevention and reinforce respect for retired personnel who dedicated their lives to public service.

Following the DG&IGP's directive, the Mysuru District Police have begun groundwork to implement the initiative. Retired Police officers are being contacted individually and their details are being recorded in accordance with the format prescribed by the State Police Chief.

A file photo of DCP (Crime and Traffic) K.S. Sundar Raj pasting the contact details of Mane Mane Police on the wall of a house in city.

Retired officers are a valuable asset to the Department. Even after retirement, many of them continue to stay connected with policing and crime prevention activities. They regularly attend meetings and departmental functions and also gather at the Police Bhavan. We will work out a practical mechanism to involve them more effectively in day-to-day policing activities in line with the DG&IGP's directions.

—Seema Latkar, Mysuru City Police Commissioner

The DG&IGP's order has been communicated to all Police Stations in Mysuru district. As a first step, we are creating a database of retired Police personnel. Officers from every Police Station are contacting retired staff residing within their jurisdiction to collect details such as addresses and areas of expertise. The process is being carried out in a phased manner. Once the database is ready, a meeting will be convened to decide the next course of action.

—C. Mallik, Addl. Superintendent of Police, Mysuru District

The circular issued by DG&IGP Dr. M.A. Saleem on engaging retired Police personnel is a welcome move. Our Association is meeting tomorrow to discuss the circular and explore the steps we can take to support its implementation. We are planning to evolve a facilitation mechanism that can contribute to strengthening law and order.

—Basappa Salundi, Secretary, Retired Police Officers Association, Mysuru

Two drown at Balamuri

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In view of frequent accidents, Srirangapatna Tahsildar and Taluk Magistrate S. Chethana Yadav had, on Apr. 16, imposed prohibitory orders banning public entry to both Balamuri and Edamuri waterfalls under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), 2023 (formerly Section 144).

Apart from Police deployment, locals say there is a lack of proper monitoring and crowd-control arrangements at vulnerable points along the river.

Lack of safety measures

Visitors and residents have also blamed the absence of retaining or safety walls near dangerous stretches of the river where strong currents and whirlpools are common.

Tourists often move close to risky spots without restrictions, increasing the chances of accidents, locals said.

Concern over commercial activity

The riverbank also houses temples dedicated to Ganapathy, Shiva, Anjaneya and Chamundeshwari, attracting large numbers of devotees. However, some residents expressed concern over the mushrooming of eateries and restaurants serving non-vegetarian food near the temple complex, saying it affects the sanctity of the area.

Locals also alleged that late-night DJ parties and unrestricted liquor consumption in nearby bars and restaurants contribute to unsafe behaviour, with some visitors entering the river under the influence of alcohol.

Orders only on paper

Residents alleged that restrictions imposed by the authorities often remain only on paper and are not enforced strictly on the ground. They claimed that pressure from local vendors and other interests prevents officials from taking stringent action.

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St. Joseph's First Grade College
celebrates 13th Graduation Ceremony

Mysuru, May 22- St. Joseph's First Grade College, Jayalakshmipuram, Mysuru, celebrated its 13th Graduation Day in the college premises here recently.

Most Rev. Dr. Francis Serrao SJ, Bishop of Mysore and President of MDES, in his presidential address reiterated that St. Joseph's First Grade College produces graduates who are not merely academic achievers but psychologically balanced and intellectually creative, congratulating the Principal and his academic team for their efforts.

Through a fable, he highlighted the concept of focusing on specific goals to be achieved in life and advised the students not to pursue momentary joy like pleasure and power but to focus on life in its fullness which is what a Josephite is prepared to be.

He also reminded the students to visit the college, as an alumnus, comparing it to a temple, stating that a Josephite can achieve what no one else can achieve, as they are trained to be achievers in life.

Rev. Fr. Edward William Saldhana, Secretary, MDES, who was the guest of honour, spoke.

In his inaugural address, Dr. D. Anand, Retired Professor, BIMS, University of Mysore, who was the chief guest, stated that the youngsters after graduation should be ready to accept the socio-civic responsibilities.

He reminded the students that the society looks at them with open eyes, filled with hope as the fate of the country depends on the youth. He reminisced the words of the late President of India, Dr. Abdul Kalam who had predicted that by 2020 India would become a developed nation with technological advancement and economic growth, which is turning out to be true.

Rev. Fr. A. Naveen Kumar, Treasurer, MDES, administered the oath to the graduating students. N. Chandrakala, Head, Department of Commerce, proposed the vote of thanks.

As part of the celebration, 26 outstanding students were felicitated under various categories. The list of awardees is as follows:

Prof. Mani C. Mathew Endowment Award for Academic Excellence: B.Com. - M. Pallavi, BBA - Y.S. Moksha, BCA - K.V. Inchara and B.Sc. - G. Trisha. Trisha was also awarded the gold medal at University of Mysore.

Best Outgoing Student Award: B.Com. - Suman, BBA - T. Anbu Pauline, BCA - M.M. Sanjana Damyanthi, B.Sc. - R. Darshan.

Pride of Joseph's Award: Culturals - R. Sinchana and Roshan Denil D Almeda; Sports - Pruthvi P. Shetty, N.L. Durgabhavani and Hishita Somaiah; NCC - T.P. Pallavi, T.S. Vinanthi, Raksha Thangamma and P.N. Moksh; NSS - Vinay M. Gowda and B.B. Dimple.

Spirited Josephite Award: Sunayana Narasishimhan, L. Sadhvi, R. Indhu, N. Vishwas, S. Varalakshmi, Lenin Shalom, Kushal and Emmanuel C. Kumar.

The newly introduced Principal's Award for Exceptional Contribution - 2026 was presented to Jonathan A. Pratap.

Seby Maveley, CEO, Training and Development, MDES, Dr. H.N. Chandrashekar, Principal, Heads of the various sister institutions, along with the teaching and non-teaching staff were present on the occasion.

Graduation Day celebrations held at Seshadripuram Degree College

Mysuru, May 22- The cultural committee 'Kalashristi' of Seshadripuram Degree College had organised the Graduation Day Ceremony recently under its Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC).

During the inaugural session, Toshith, a B.Com student, administered the oath. After the inaugural session, the cultural programme took place. Many students testified to their sojourn on the campus. They brought in positive feedback regarding the amenities available on the campus and owed much to campus placement, the quality education dispensed by the institution and the opportunities they grabbed.

The outgoing batch of 2025-26 was given a memento.

Meanwhile, in an endeavour to propagate the dangers of drug abuse, the Police personnel of Hebbal Police Station created awareness about the ill-effects of drugs on young minds.

The session was witnessed by Principal Dr. K. Sowmya Erappa, teaching and non-teaching staff.

GEETHAYAANA-2026

Creativity & tech knowledge must go together: Belawadi

Mysuru, May 22- GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, hosted its annual three-day techno-cultural fest, GEETHAYAANA-2026, recently. The fest served as a platform for students to showcase their technical expertise, talents and innovative ideas.

Prakash Belawadi, a renowned actor, director and screenwriter inaugurated the fest. Praveen Mysore, Vice-President, Global Product Technology and Head of India Tech Hub at lululemon, was the guest of honour.

In his address, Belawadi emphasised on the seamless integration of science and technology within art forms, highlighting that creativity and technical knowledge must go hand in hand. He urged students to move beyond conventional modes of learning and actively explore innovation through a creative and inquisitive mindset.

Belawadi also brought attention to pressing global challenges, emphasising that the world today faces serious issues such as polluted oceans and land, adulterated food and the growing threat of climate change. He stressed that these complex real-world problems cannot be solved solely by artificial intelligence (AI).

While acknowledging that AI has the potential to replace certain jobs and has contributed to a transactional lifestyle with reduced human interaction, Belawadi highlighted the indispensable role of human intellect, emotional sensitivity and ethical thinking.

In his address Praveen Mysore, focused on the importance of skill development, adaptability, and global exposure. He emphasised that technical education is one of the most progressive tools students possess to shape their future.

Principal Dr. M. Shivakumar said education should extend beyond academic excellence to include co-curricular and cultural engagement.

Chende Vaadanam was performed by Shrimathi Arunkumar and her all-women troupe on the occasion.

Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, President, GSSS, Mysuru, launched the new website of GSSSIETW.

Anupama B. Pandit, Secretary, GSSS, B.V. Srinivas Guptha, Vice-President, O. Prathap Kumar, Joint Secretary, R.K. Bharath, CEO and B.K. Nataraj, Management Committee Member were present.

The programme was coordinated by Dr. Rajendra R. Patil, Professor and Head, Department of ECE and Dr. C. Shyamala, Associate Professor, Department of ECE.

Dr. S. Bellappa, Professor and Head, Department of Chemistry and Dr. Vinay Venugopal, Professor and Head, Department of Physics, were the coordinators of the event.

12th century hero stone discovered

Mysuru team led by CESCK Director digs out rare inscription belonging to Hoysala King Vishnuvardhana's reign at Maniyur village in Mandya

*Seen are (from left) **local resident H.L. Umesh, Archaeologist Dr. C.A. Shashidhara, Library Assistant V. Nagendra, Dance Researcher Dr. Santoshi Subrahmanya, Project Director of the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada Prof. N.M. Talawar and Videographer Ramesh Patel with the inscription.***

Mysuru, May 22- A 12th-century Turugōḷu (Battle for Cattle) hero stone (Vīragallu) has been discovered at Maniyur village in Nagamangala taluk, Mandya district. The ancient inscription was found in the garden belonging to one Ramakrishnegowda, which is believed to be dating back to the reign of Hoysala King Vishnuvardhana and is carved in soapstone.

This unpublished inscription is in Kannada script spread across seven lines. There are bass relief sculptures in other three panels. It is a memorial stone sculpted to commemorate the bravery and sacrifice of a hero, who died while fighting to protect cattle in the 12th century.

Based on information provided by local resident H.L. Umesh, Archaeologist Dr. C.A. Shashidhara of **Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) in Mysuru,** undertook field exploration, leading to the discovery of this hero stone.

Mysuru-based team

Subsequently, after obtaining permission from the Director of **Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) in Mysuru,** a team was constituted under the leadership of Prof. N.M. Talawar, Project Director of CESCK, consisting of Archaeologist Dr. Shashidhara, Dance researcher Dr. Santoshi Subrahmanya, Library Assistant V. Nagendra and Videographer Ramesh Patel.

With the cooperation of local residents, hero stone was dug out and estampage of the inscription was taken on a white paper.

Summary of inscription

The first panel contains damaged and unclear letters. The second panel consists of three lines and begins with the auspicious word "Svasti." Pañcā mahāśabda - It mentions the royal epithets of King Vishnuvardhana, "Possessor of the Five Great Sounds" (referring to the ceremonial sounds of instruments such as the drum, conch, kettle drum, trumpet and veena), "Mandalēśvara," "Tribhuvanamalla," "Talakāḍugonda" and "Vīraganga Poysaladevaru' who was forever worth these Epithets.

The third panel contains two lines stating that in the Sādhāraṇa Samvatsara, that is, the cyclic year, Maviga Manimāra, son of Attisetti, died fighting in a cattle raid battle.

The CESCK team has expressed gratitude to CIIL Director Prof. Basavaraja Kodagunti, Assistant Director (Administration) Dr. Pankaj Dwivedi and Head of Classical Languages Dr. L.R. Premkumar, for their administrative support for research and also to the local residents.

In ancient times, many heroes sacrificed their lives while fighting to protect cattle, defend villages, safeguard women's honour, serve their kings and protect their kingdoms. Hero stones were installed in memory of such warriors. Similarly, it has been found at Maniyur that about 900 years ago, during the Hoysala period, a shrine was constructed and this inscribed hero stone was installed and worshipped in memory of Maviga Manimāra, who died protecting cattle. The credit for discovering this hero stone of a deified hero belongs to our Centre.

—Prof. N.M. Talawar, Project Director, Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK), Mysuru

One remarkable aspect of a Turugol Veeragallu inscription is the presence of several titles (birudus) of the Hoysala King Vishnuvardhana, making it an important subject of research. Based on the Kannada language and script used in the inscription, as well as the style of the bas-relief sculpture carving, it is evident that the inscription belongs to the first half of the 12th century. Such new archaeological discoveries greatly enrich the study of Kannada as a classical language.

— Prof. N.S. Rangaraju, Senior Archaeologist and Heritage Expert

Based on the development of Hoysala-period script forms, the script of this inscription can be assigned to the first half of the 12th century CE. Furthermore, the inscription contains the royal epithets "Mandalēśvara," "Tribhuvanamalla," "Talakāḍugonda" and "Vīraganga Poysala Devaru," which are associated with Hoysala King Vishnuvardhana. Therefore, the inscription can confidently be dated to his reign. Additionally, since the inscription mentions the cyclic year "Sādhāraṇa" and correlating it with the beginning of Vishnuvardhana's reign in 1108 CE, the Sādhāraṇa year falls in the 22nd ruling year of the king. Accordingly, the inscription may be dated to 1130 CE.

— R.V. Anilkumar, Assistant Superintendent Epigraphist, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), Mysuru

In earlier times, our ancestors considered cattle not merely as wealth but as "living treasure." Therefore, cattle were often raided for political reasons or personal gain. A similar incident appears to have occurred in the first half of the 12th century in Maniyur village of present-day Nagamangala taluk. In memory of Maviga Manimāra, son of Attisetti, who died fighting to protect cattle, this hero stone was erected. It may also be conjectured that the village itself derived its name "Maniyur" from the hero Maviga Manimāra, perhaps as a mark of respect for his sacrifice and valour.

— Dr. C.A. Shashidhara, Archaeologist and Researcher, Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada, Mysuru

Team Mysuru launches 'Hasiru Mysuru Abhiyana'

Mysuru, May 22 (MK&BCT)- City-based volunteer group Team Mysuru has launched its latest initiative, 'Hasiru Mysuru Abhiyana' (Green Mysuru Campaign), aimed at nurturing saplings and sustaining urban greenery.

The campaign was flagged off on Wednesday at Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram premises on Nanjangud Road by Sri Ganapathy Swamiji, who inaugurated a newly added water tanker to water the saplings.

Speaking on the occasion, the Swamiji said environmental protection must become a collective responsibility. "Planting trees alone is not enough. Nurturing them with proper care and water until they grow is true service to nature. Team Mysuru's initiative is commendable," he said.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa said Team Mysuru has been actively involved in environmental conservation for over 12 years through tree plantation and maintenance drives across Mysuru. He said the addition of the dedicated water tanker would further strengthen the organisation's efforts.

Sri Datta Vijayananda Theertha Swamiji of Ganapathy Ashram, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Administrative Officer Niranjan Murthy, Kluber Lubrication's Sripad Acharya and Let's Do It! Mysore representative Shivashankar were among those present.

Several members of Team Mysuru, including Kiran Jairamgowda, Anil Jain, Harishbabu, Ram Prasad, Shivaprasad, Manohar, Abhinandan, Nishchith, Anand, Yatheesh, Raghavendra, Balakrishna, Ganesh, Sumanth, Harish Ittigegud, Tilak, Shekhar, Chandan, Harish Shetty, Harish Gokulam, Basavaraj Belavadi, Basavaraj Ballari, Manju Hunsur, Narayana and Trimurthi, participated in the programme. Women members Uma, Jyothi, Usha, Shantha, Sahana, Sukrutha, Kaveri, Suguna Shekhar, Nandini and Kalyani were also present.

WORD OF THE DAY

Boondoggle

Pronunciation: BOON-dah-gul (noun).
Meaning: A boondoggle is an expensive and wasteful project usually paid for with public money. Boondoggle is also a word for a braided cord worn by Boy Scouts as a neckerchief slide, hatband or ornament.
Origin: When boondoggle popped up in the early 1900s, lots of people tried to explain where the word came from. One theory traced it to an Ozarkian word for "gadget," while another related it to the Tagalog word that gave us boondocks. Another hypothesis suggested that boondoggle came from the name of leather toys Daniel Boone supposedly made for his dog. But the only theory that is supported by evidence is much simpler. In the 1920s, Robert Link, a scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America, apparently coined the word to name the braided leather cords made and worn by scouts. The word came to prominence when such a boondoggle was presented to the Prince of Wales at the 1929 World Jamboree, and it's been with us ever since. Over time, it developed the additional sense describing a wasteful or impractical project.
Example: "A controversial proposal to construct a new bridge from Bridgeport to Long Island is either a bold, visionary step into the future or an unaffordable boondoggle that could cost more than $50 billion." — Christopher Keating, The Hartford (Connecticut) Courant, 8 Mar. 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Baccivorous

Eating berries.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Bats in the belfry

Meaning: You use the expression "Bats in the belfry" to indicate that someone is acting eccentric or crazy.
Origin: Although the phrase "Bats in the belfry" has a very old-fashioned ring to it, the term originated in late 19th or early 20th century in America. A very early example comes from an October 1900 edition of an Ohio newspaper called *The Newark Daily Advocate:* "To his hundreds of friends and acquaintances in Newark, these puerile and senseless attacks on Hon. John W. Casssingham are akin to the vaporings of the fellow with a large flock of bats in his belfry."
Example: 'Wanda has bats in the belfry; she seems to think that the mailman is trying to steal her cat!'

QUOTE BOX

Almost everything will work again if you unplug it for a few minutes, including you.—**Anne Lamott**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

EAREACHSY

Answer: Within easy reach.

SUDOKU

				7			1	3
						9		4
		3	9	5				2
					6	7	8	1
3	1	7	8					
7				6	4	2		
4		9						
1	6			8				

Answer to previous puzzle

5	2	6	4	8	7	1	9	3
8	3	7	1	5	9	6	4	2
4	1	9	6	2	3	5	8	7
9	5	3	8	6	2	4	7	1
2	6	8	7	4	1	9	3	5
1	7	4	9	3	5	2	6	8
3	8	5	2	9	4	7	1	6
7	9	2	3	1	6	8	5	4
6	4	1	5	7	8	3	2	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 ____ Balsam : soothing ointment?
5 Sigh of contentment
8 Make coins
12 Town in MP
13 Material used principally for furnishings
15 Tanned by the elements (7-6)
17 Bulgarian capital
18 Sea-eagle
19 Law professor's degree
21 Money to be given regularly by the tenants?
24 Assoc. of Optical Practitioners
27 Advanced or put forth?
30 Mongrel dog
31 Cool and distant
32 Age or eon
33 Mongolian wild ass
35 Tamil Nadu pty.
36 One showing skill
37 Lacking moisture
39 Son of Seth, grandson of Adam?
41 Fixes or repairs
45 Police inquiry
49 Terrifying
50 S. Indian snack
51 Pithy material used in making a hat?
52 Quite appropriate
53 Leak through

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

J	A	T	■	P	A	C	E	■	P	L	I	E
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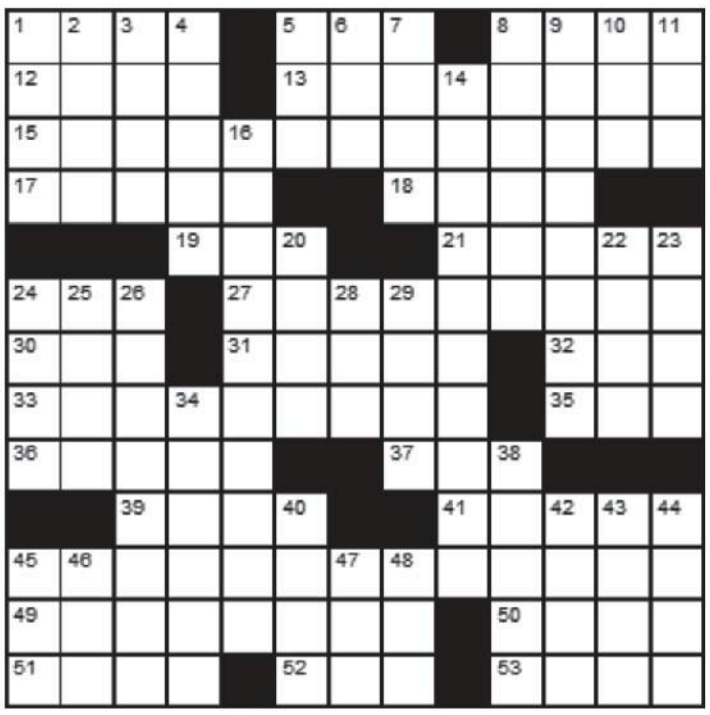
M	O	W	E	D	■	N	A	L	■	C	H	E
S	T	A	R	E	D	■	H	I	P	H	O	P
S	A	D	■	S	E	T	■	C	E	A	S	E
■	■	■	A	K	R	A	M	■	S	N	E	E
D	R	A	G	S	■	H	E	R	O	D	■	■
C	O	A	L	■	F	I	N	I	S	H	E	D
I	D	L	E	■	U	N	D	O	■	O	N	E
V	E	S	T	■	G	I	S	T	■	K	O	S

DOWN

1 Shoots a marble - "swat" anagram?
2 Famous cookie
3 Lounge around
4 Up to the time
5 The highest card in the pack
6 Flightboard abbr.
7 Cupbearer to the Olympians
8 Excessive complainer
9 Meant
10 Pilot's hdg.
11 First double digit number
14 Solid ground! (5,5)
16 Six dozens to be precise? (4,1,5)
20 Spy or infiltrator
22 Limited period of time
23 Pierre is its cap. (1,3)
24 Current types (2-2)
25 Greek aniseed spirit
26 Ancient, primitive?
28 Stem the ___ : prevent further damage?
29 Plant yielding a blue dye or the dye itself
34 Kinds, sorts or class ?
38 Abominable snowmen
40 Ancient Greek covered walkway?
42 Pheasant's nest
43 ____ out : give out as rations?
44 Crop or cut?
45 ___ and buts : the chances in life, in a way...?
46 Modern prefix
47 Little devil
48 ___ away with : succeed in stealing?



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

NEUBUOTT ET Q DQULSQLO IXO RSIO WQU

TKOQN QUB IXO BOQG WQU XOQF.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS T

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Most of us never recognize opportunity until it goes to work in our competitor's business.

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	(S-3)	6.55 pm
	(S-4)	4.00 pm, 10.15 pm
Chand Mera Dil (H)	(S-1)	4.15 pm, 7.10 pm
	(S-3)	10.00 pm
Drishyam-3 (Ma)	(S-1)	10.00 pm
	(S-4)	9.40 am, 7.00 pm
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (E)	(S-2)	10.35 am, 7.10 pm, 10.00 pm
Manga Maaya (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1 (H)	(S-2)	4.10 pm
Drishyam-3 (K)	(S-3)	1.00 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	(S-3)	10.25 am, 4.15 pm
Michael (E)	(S-4)	1.10 pm

MOVIES AT MYSURU VISION CINEMAS Ph: 2973519

Karuppu (Ta)	:	1.00 pm, 6.35 pm, 9.30 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	1.05 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.15 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.25 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.00 pm
Drishyam-3 (Ma)	:	1.40 pm, 4.40 pm, 7.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Drishyam-3 (K)	:	3.55 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Karuppu (Ta)	:	9.20 am, 10.20 am, 12.30 pm 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 9.50 pm 10.00 pm
Michael (E)	:	10.00 am, 4.25 pm
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (H)	:	10.05 am, 6.50 pm
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (E)	:	12.55 pm, 9.40 pm
Chand Mera Dil (H)	:	10.10 am, 1.10 pm, 7.30 pm, 10.40 pm
Drishyam-3 (Ma)	:	10.30 am, 1.30 pm, 4.00 pm 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Drishyam-3 (K)	:	12.45 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.45 pm, 7.10 pm
Krishnavataram Part 1: The Heart (H)	:	3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Bhooth Bangla (H)	:	4.05 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	4.45 pm
Pati Patni Aur Woh Do (H)	:	7.40 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Chand Mera Dil (H)	:	10.05 am, 1.00 pm, 7.00 pm
Drishyam-3 (Ma)	:	10.05 am, 4.00 pm, 10.30 pm
Drishyam-3 (Ka)	:	1.15 pm, 7.15 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.05 am, 1.00 pm, 7.00 pm 10.20 pm
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (H)	:	10.10 am, 4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	1.20 pm, 7.40 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	4.00 pm
Veerabhadrudu (Te)	:	4.30 pm, 10.00 pm

EVENTS TODAY (MAY 22)

- **Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru, Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI), Mysuru and Mysuru Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT):** MyRealty-2026, Mega Property Expo, Bharat Scouts & Guides Grounds, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **JSS Sangeetha Sabha Trust:** Basava Jayanti and Anniversary celebrations, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Industrialist & Art Patron Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy inaugurates, retd. Kannada Professor of Mysore University Dr. K. Anantharamu delivers lecture, **6 pm;** Vachana Gayana by Vid. Ballari M. Raghavendra, accompanied by Vid. B.K. Raghu on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. M.R. Mohan on morching, Navajyoti Auditorium, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, **7 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Taruna Bharathi - Vocal Concerts by Anagha Bharadwaj and M.S. Keerthana, accompanied by Srivatsa on violin and Sumukhashesha on mridanga, Ganabharathi Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Udbhava Kalavidaru, Bengaluru and Sanchalana Mysuru and Tasmi, Mysuru:** Inauguration of Greeshma Rangotsava, MLA K. Harishgowda, MCCI President Dr. K.B. Lingaraju, CAVA Administrative Officer Nirmala Mathapati, Journalist Rashmi Koti and Udbhava Kalavidaru Treasurer Shantha will be present, Deepak Mysore of Sanchalana Mysuru delivers keynote address; Staging of play 'Nansiri' by Natya Vaibhava, Hassan Central Commerce College, directed by Dhananjay Diyan, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (MAY 23)

- **J.P. Nagar Brahmana Sangha, Mysuru, Kamakshi Hospital, J.P. Nagar and H.V. Rajeev Sneha Balaga:** 30th Anniversary Celebrations, free mega health camp, Kamakshi Hospital, J.P. Nagar, **9 am to 4 pm.**
- **Builders Association of India (BAI), Mysuru, Confederation of Real Estate Developers' Association of India (CREDAI), Mysuru and Mysuru Builders Charitable Trust (MBCT):** MyRealty-2026, Mega Property Expo, Bharat Scouts & Guides Grounds, **10 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **Ramsons Kala Pratishtana:** Ramsons Kreedaa Kaushalya - 11th biennial of traditional board games of India, Ramsons Bombe Mane, Nazarbad, **10 am to 7 pm.**
- **Mysuru Sharana Mandali and Sri Nataraja Pratishtana:** Basava Jayanti 'Basava Ratna' Award Presentation Ceremony, Dr. Sri Siddalingashivacharya Swamiji of Suryasimhasana Mutt, Vatal Mutt, graces the occasion, K.H. Muniyappa, Minister for Food and Civil Supplies, inaugurates, Dr. Helavarahundi Siddappa, President, District Sharana Sahitya Parishat, presides, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, MLC, Maddikere Gopal, President, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Prof. S. Shivarajappa, Special Officer, Sri Nataraja Pratishtana, Mysuru, chief guests; Awardees are H.N. Premkumar, senior political leader and a social worker; D.V. Parashivamurthy, Vice-Chancellor, Hampi Kannada University; K.S. Sundar Raj, DCP (Crime & Traffic), Mysuru; Sardar N. Sachidananda Murthy, President of DAV School; Dr. S. Murali, Founder-President of Maharaja Education Trust (MET); Sudha Mruthyunjayappa, Managing Trustee of Dr. C.N. Mruthyunjayappa Trust and a social worker, Sri Nataraja auditorium, Sri Hosmutt, **10.30 am.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** Kathe Kelona Banni-933, M. Shashidhara Dongre, Engineer, L&T Technology Services, Mysuru, tells the story about Megallan's Oceanic Adventures & other stories, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm;** 'Arthaartha,' Prof. T.S. Venugopal delivers a lecture in Kannada on 'Prof. Karthik Muralidharan's Views on Story of India's Economic Development,' Suruchi Rangamane, #476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Art Gallery:** Launching of book 'Jeevana Yana - When The Universe Sends People' (originally written in Kannada by Artist Dr. Jamunarani V. Mirle, translated to English by her daughter L.N. Varshini, a Marketing Professional), former Mysore University VC Prof. K.S. Rangappa releases the book, Journalist Amshi Prasanna Kumar guest of honour, writer Dr. C. Naganna presides, Sadvidya Institutions MC Member Dr. Nalini Chandar speaks about the book, Gallery Founder L. Shivalingappa will be present, Bhagini Seva Samaja, Krishnamurthypuram, **5 pm.**
- **Sri J.S. Jagadish Sneha Balaga, Mysuru:** Pratibha Puraskar programme, MP Yaduveer Wadiyar inaugurates, MLA T.S. Srivatsa presides, MLA K. Harishgowda guest of honour, former MP Prathap Simha honours students, Insights IAS Founder-Director G.B. Vinay Kumar special invitee, S.R. Subbarao Park, Nivedithanagar, **5 pm.**
- **Parampare:** Nudi Namana to Prof. CKN Raja, Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji graces the occasion, Prof. CKN Raja's 'Sri Gurucharitra' Gamaka Programme - Vachana by Vidu. Shubha Raghavendra and Vyakhyana by Dr. Jyothi Shankar, Vasudevacharya Bhavana, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Udbhava Kalavidaru, Bengaluru and Sanchalana Mysuru and Tasmi, Mysuru:** Greeshma Rangotsava, staging of play 'Sambanja annodu doddadu kana' (based on Devanur Mahadeva's book) by Janamana Samskrutika Sanghatane, Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Sree Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** Monthly Cultural Programme, Karnatak classical vocal recital by H.M. Lakshmi, accompanied by Vid. H.S. Thandavamurthy on violin and Vid. Udaykumar on mridanga, Trust premises, Sri Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **N.R. Mohalla Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** Flute recital by Vid. Shreenidhi Shriruru, accompanied by Vid. Rupangudi Ratna Teja on violin and Vid. Pranav Subramaniaya on mridanga, Sri Prasanna Mahaganapathi Temple, Shivaji Road, N.R. Mohalla, **6.30 pm.**

MOVIES AT MALL OF MYSORE

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Drishyam-3 (Ka)	:	12.15 pm, 3.30 pm
Karuppu (Ta)	:	9.50 am, 1.00 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (E)	:	11.05 am, 4.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Chand Mera Dil (H)	:	12.50 pm, 6.55 pm
KD: The Devil (K)	:	1.55 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	3.40 pm
Lo Naveena (K)	:	7.40 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Karuppu (Ta)	:	10.00 am, 1.10 pm, 4.00 pm, 7.10 pm
Chand Mera Dil (H)	:	10.20 am, 4.20 pm, 10.20 pm
Lockdown (K)	:	11.30 am
Drishyam-3 (Ma)	:	12.45 pm, 4.00 pm, 7.15 pm, 10.30 pm
Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (E)	:	1.10 pm, 7.10 pm
Asurana Kaiyalli Parijatha (K)	:	2.15 pm
Manga Maaya (K)	:	4.50 pm
Makkala Sainya (K)	:	7.40 pm
Athiradi (Ma)	:	10.00 pm
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